



# STEPPING OUT!

## VOLKSSPORT CLUB OF WEST POINT— AUGUST 2009

### LATEST CLUB NEWS

Club officers met this past weekend to plan the 2010 schedule. For the first time in recent memory, we have the entire next year's schedule lined up, and it will be posted in the next issue of **STEPPING OUT** as well as being on our web page pending reviews.

We are planning 3 new YREs to be added to the 2010 list, pending start point and sanctioning details! Also, we're planning a number of new EVENTS in 2010 for venues that have not been used in the past. HOLD THE DATE OF **SATURDAY 15 MAY 2010** for a major event that we are planning at West Point!

### KUDOS TO VALERIE!

In the August/September edition of *The American Wanderer*, it was reported that club member Valerie Kirley received her IVV Distance award for 22,000 KM! Way to go!

### NEW MEMBERS!

Recently, we've received renewals and membership dues from the following people and/or families: Aumick, Machonis, Hollar, Lustig, Havens, Hughes, Patricks, Watts, Pease, and Basini

Thank you all and welcome to the new and returning members above! Although we do maintain our email mailing list for free, and people are welcome to walk on our walks without charge, those people who voluntarily join the club do their part to help support our club. Dues provide needed funds for many of the activities that do not generate covering income and make up some of the shortfall for other events.

### VCWP PHOTO ON AVA SITE!

Did you catch the Hyde Park YRE photo from our June group walk is the lead photo on the AVA website (<http://www.ava.org>) in early August?



### SECURITY NOTICE

Any club activities listed (walks, events, cruises, social events, etc.) taking place on the US Military Academy (USMA; West Point campus) require ALL persons to provide government-issued photo IDs (e.g.: driver's license, Military ID) ; any automobiles passing through Thayer Gate will be searched by security.

Although unusual, note that access to the West Point campus may be revoked at any time due to security restrictions.

### UPCOMING WALKS, EVENTS, AND ACTIVITIES!

#### NEXT GROUP WALK

**18 JUL Sat West Point**

Breakfast and club meeting at 8 AM at the PARK Restaurant, 451 Main Street, in the Village of Highland Falls.

**Note these are summer hours!** We'll move everything up one hour from normal—**So breakfast at 8!**

All are welcomed to the breakfast and meeting!

**Walk starts with registration at 9 AM** at the West Point Visitor's Center, walking at 9:15 AM.

#### NEXT GROUP EVENT

**Nyack Street Fair**

**13 SEP - Sun**

September Fest—A Quadracentennial - see [http://www.ava.org/gen3/data/event\\_details.asp?eventid=84136](http://www.ava.org/gen3/data/event_details.asp?eventid=84136) for the details!

#### NEXT CLUB ACTIVITY

**ANNUAL HUDSON RIVER CRUISE FOR FAMILY AND FRIEND — SCHEDULED FOR 30 AUGUST**

Watch your emails for news on this annual event!



### 2009 Regional Calendar! Our Northeast

Regional Director Phil Hait has provided us with the current calendar of events updated as of **25 July 2009** (including tentative) events. Please mark your calendars, and check with the Point of Contact or official AVA website to ensure the event is sanctioned.

We have placed it in the Yahoo! Groups file section as "Northeast Regional Calendar.xls".

Every active walker should be a subscriber (or least check frequently) to our Yahoo! Group. No need to be a member. And thanks Phil!

## WEST POINT COMMUNITY FAIR

Club President Nancy Patrick, Vice-President Farrell Patrick and Treasurer Andrew Schmidt represented the club at the annual West Point Community Fair on Wednesday, 29 July. Each year, West Point holds this fair at Eisenhower Hall with many local clubs, groups, religious organizations, West Point organizations, local restaurants, etc. etc. etc. to show the new Plebes, faculty, and the general community what the local social scene is like!



We've had a table at this fair for a number of years. This year we had eight new families sign up for our newsletter at the event. Shown below are your club officer's at the table and a general view of what the hall looked like.



## 2009 YEAR ROUND EVENTS SCHEDULE AND INFORMATION

This is the club's 2009 schedule of Year Round Events as listed on the AVA Website and the special programs that are to be available for these walks in 2009. Many thanks to Joan Kimmel and the other club members who helped compile the information on the events

### 1.Cornwall

Y0252 10km

<http://www.ava.org/clubs/WestPoint/cornwallyre.html>

- Authors and Literary Landmarks
- Europe in the USA
- Firehouses
- Historic Churches
- Museums
- Railroad Heritage
- Riverwalk America

### 2.Highland Falls

Y1145 10km

<http://www.ava.org/clubs/WestPoint/hfyre.html>

- Authors and Literary Landmarks
- Cemetery Stroll
- Courthouses
- Historic Churches
- Museums
- Riverwalk America
- US Presidents
- Veteran Memorials
- Walkin' Waterfalls
- Firehouses

### 3.Hyde Park

Y1108 6km/13km

<http://www.ava.org/clubs/WestPoint/hydeparkyre.html>

- America's Gardens
- Authors and Literary Landmarks
- Cemetery Stroll
- Courthouses
- Europe in the USA
- Firehouses
- Historic Churches
- Museums
- Railroad Heritage
- Riverwalk America
- US Presidents
- Walkin' Waterfalls

### 4.Rhinebeck

Y1094 5km/10km

<http://www.ava.org/clubs/WestPoint/rhinebeckyre.html>

- Artistic Heritage
- Authors and Literary Landmarks
- Cemetery Stroll
- Courthouses
- Firehouses
- Historic Churches
- Veteran Memorials

### 5.West Point

Y0037 7km/11km

<http://www.ava.org/clubs/WestPoint/usmayre.html>

- Artistic Heritage
- Authors and Literary Landmarks
- Cemetery Stroll
- Firehouses
- Historic Churches
- Museums
- Riverwalk America
- US Presidents
- Veteran Memorials

Information on all of these YREs can be found on our club's website—

<http://www.ava.org/clubs/WestPoint/>



## 2009 Calendar of Club Events

We are sometime asked what a “Group Walk” (as opposed to a Year Round Event, or YRE) is. “Group Walk” \* means all meet and signup together at the same time, get a map and start together, then you proceed at your own pace. There are NO GUIDES for this kind of walk, nor does a group have to stay together. We usually have fast walkers, slow walkers, and medium walkers, there’s almost always someone you can walk with if you join us for your first time in a GROUP WALK! ; “Event’s” are single walks especially sanctioned by the club. AVA credit is provided, and these are usually a one-time deal ; perhaps repeated yearly. Items in **BOLD RED** are updates from the previous newsletter.

**CONFIRMED** events are in bold face; TENTATIVE (planning dates) are listed in plain

text—usually they’ll become “confirmed” in a month or so. Due to unforeseen circumstances, we always reserve the right to cancel ANY event, but try very hard not to do so with CONFIRMED events.

### EVENTS ALREADY HELD

Date	Day	Type	Venue or Details
11 JAN	Sun	Group Walk	West Point Group YRE – was cancelled due to snow
21 FEB	Sat	Group Walk	Rhinebeck Group YRE – was held
7 MAR	Sat	Group Walk	Highland Falls Group YRE – was held
15 MAR	Sun	Event	Goshen / Girl Scouts—was held See <a href="http://www.ava.org/gen3/data/event_details.asp?eventid=83530">http://www.ava.org/gen3/data/event_details.asp?eventid=83530</a>
29 MAR	Sun	Group Walk	West Point Group YRE— was held (This is the 11 Jan 2009 reschedule that was cancelled)
19 APR	Sun	Group Walk	Cornwall Group YRE – was held
25 APR	Sat	Event	Fort Montgomery — was held
9 MAY	Sat	Group Walk	New York City Group YRE— was held
17 MAY	Sun	Event	Central Valley—was held
7 JUN	Sun	Group Walk	Hyde Park Group YRE — was held
18 JUL	Sat	Group Walk	West Point— was held



## 2009 CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS, CONTINUED

### UPCOMING EVENTS!

<b>Date</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Venue or Details</b>
16 AUG	Sun	Group Walk	Highland Falls (Farmer's Market)—confirmed! <b>NOTE SUMMER HOURS!</b> Breakfast club meeting at 8 AM, Register at 9 AM, walk at 915 AM!
30 AUG	Sun	Activity	Annual Hudson River Cruise — tentative until scheduled
5 SEPT	Sat	Group Walk	Greenwich Village—CONFIRMED!
13 SEP	Sun	Event	Nyack Street Fair— Confirmed! September Fest—A Quadricentennial Event See <a href="http://www.ava.org/gen3/data/event_details.asp?eventid=84136">http://www.ava.org/gen3/data/event_details.asp?eventid=84136</a> for the details!
26 SEP	Sat	Event	City of Hudson Event—CONFIRMED! See <a href="http://www.ava.org/gen3/data/event_details.asp?eventid=83839">http://www.ava.org/gen3/data/event_details.asp?eventid=83839</a> for the details—This is a new event presented for the first time by the Volkssport Club of West Point. We've had very nice dealings with the City of Hudson in setting this one up, and it promises to be fun!
4 OCT	Sun	Event	Beacon—CONFIRMED! See <a href="http://www.ava.org/gen3/data/event_details.asp?eventid=84292">http://www.ava.org/gen3/data/event_details.asp?eventid=84292</a> for the details! Farmer's Market also will be held this day — We start at the dock
25 OCT	Sun	Group Walk	Hyde Park—CONFIRMED!
8 NOV	Sun	Event	COLD SPRING—tentative until sanctioned Start at Metro North parking lot / Scenic Hudson Park
21 NOV	Sat	Group Walk	Cornwall—CONFIRMED!
19 DEC	Sat	Group Walk	Rhinebeck—CONFIRMED!
13 Dec	Sun	Activity	Holiday Party at the West Point Club —date, time, and venue to be determined

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- Joan Kimmel, Secretary
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